

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q75182

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For: IMAGE INPUT UNIT AND IMAGE INPUT METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a Continuation-In-Part of Application No. PCT/JP02/00478 filed January 23, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.